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 O ſatisſie my promiſe, and to
giue anſwere to your letters,
requiring my aduertisement
of theſe preſent occurrences,
I pray you vnderſtand, that
this yeere 1598. the Royall
Maieſtie of our Lord Don PHILIP the third,
being then but Prince, was vpon S. Iohns day,
in the market place at Madril, to beholde the
Bullbaytings and other paſtymes which were
there, at which ſports the King his father (which
is now in heauen) was not preſent by reaſon of
the paine of the gout which ſore troubled him.
His Highnes being returned from the foreſaid
place, diſcourſed vnto his father all that he had
ſeene, whereupon his Maieſtie answered, I am
right

right glad to see thee so pleasant, for thou shalt
neuer so long as I liue see me haue any ease or
comfort in this my painfull disease. And there-
upon commaunded preparation to be made
for his remouing to Escuriall. Doctor Marcado
one of his ordinarie Phisitions tolde him, he
ought not to stirre, least the extremitie of his
paine should increase. The King answered, see-
ing I must be carried thither when I am dead, I
had rather be carried thither being aliue. So
that in the end to satisfie his desire, his footmen
tooke him vp vpon their shoulders, & spent sixe
daies in going those seauen miles, where after
that he came, he was better for some few daies,
though he was not able to stand, but was for-
ced either to sit or lie. But presently the goute
releasing him, accompanied with a feuer, made
him far sicker then he was before, his Phisitions
shewed all the skil they could to giue him some
ease, but the extremitie of paine so increased,
that presently he entred into consideration of
his soule by shriuing and confessing himselfe,
and receiuing the sacrament, at which instant
he commanded Garcia de Loyaza to be con-
secrated

Secrated Archbishop of Toledo, which was performed by the Popes Nuntio with all the solemnities and rites accustomed. There happened also to this good King vpon his right knee, a bile so angrie and swelling, that he could take no rest, his Phisitions being amazed thereat, one Elias a Phisition of Toledo, by whose aduice and direction of others, one Vergara a licentiate Surgeon hauing applied al fit meanes to ripen the fore, opened it, and let forth all the bad matter therein contained: soone after the which, there arose fower other biles vpon his brest, which likewise were ripened, opened and cleansed. This corrupt matter bred a great companie of lice, which were very hard to bee killed, he remaining in this mean time so weake that he was faine to be turned in sheetes, and lift vp with fower men, whilest two other made all things plaine, soft, and cleane vnder him. Ten daies before he died, he fell into so great a traunce (lasting fiae howers) that it was easily perceiued, that his life and vitall powers began to faile, which caused diuers Lords in Madrill to provide mourning garments. Being returned

ned to himselfe, he said to the Archbishop and
to those of the chamber there present : My
friends and subiects, your sorrowes are of no
force to recouer my health, for no humane re-
medie can profit me. The chiefe matter of your
care ought to be to prouide in time all necessa-
ries for my funerals, and in the meane time I
commaunde you to call hither your Prince,
which shall be your future King, and fetch hi-
ther vnto me my coffin that I shall be laide in,
and place here vpon this little cupboord, a dead
mans skull crowned with my imperiall crowne,
all which was forthwith done. The Prince and
the Infanta his sister being in presence, the King
called for Iohn Ruyz de Valasco, putting him
in minde of a cofer which he had committed to
his custodie, willing him to fetch it, the cofer
was very little, yet when it was brought he cau-
sed it to be opened, and taking forth a preti-
ous stone of an infinite value, caused it to be
deliuered to his Daughter, speaking thus vnto
hir. My daughter Izabella Eugenia Clara, re-
ceiue this Iewell brought vnto me by your mo-
ther, the which I bestowe vpon you for my last
farewell.

farewell. And then turning him to the Prince,
said, are you contented with this that I giue vn-
to your sister? Who answered, yea sir, although
you gaue her all that I haue. This answer ly-
king the King very wel, he willed them to looke
in the cofer for an other paper, and giuing it to
the Prince, he tolde him, that therein he should
see the forme how to gouerne his kingdome.
Then they tooke out of the said cofer, a whip
with bloudie knots, which the King holding vp
said, This bloud is mine owne, and yet not mine
but my fathers, who is in heauen, who made vse
of this kinde of exercise, and therefore to make
knowne the value of it, and the trueth of it I
thought good to reueale it vnto you. After this
he commaunded a paper to be taken from vn-
der his pillow, which being read by Iohn Ruyz,
contained these words. We PHILIP by the
grace of God, King of Castile and Lion &c.
hauing gouerned this Realme 40. yeeres, in the
71. yeeres of mine age, giue ouer this King-
dome vnto my God to whome it belongeth,
and commend my soule into his blessed hands,
to performe therewith whatsoeuer it shal please

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his diuine Maiestie. Commaunding that this my bodie so soone as euer my soule shall bee separated from the same, be embalmed: then apparelled with a Royall robe, and so placed in this brazen shrine heere present, and that the howers be kept, with all rites and ceremonies as the lawe requireth, and I commaund my funerals to be solemnized in this manner. Before shall be borne the Archbishops banner, then the Crosse, the Monkes and the Clergie presently shall followe, all in mourning garments. The Adelantado shall beare the Royall standard trailing it vpon the ground. The Duke of Nayara shall carrie the crowne vnder a canopie. The Marqueesse of Aguillar shall carrie the sword. My body shall be borne by eight of my chiefeſt seruants all in mourning weedes, with burning torches in their handes. The Archbishop shall follow the Nobles, and our vniuerſal Heire shall follow on the one ſide all in dewle. When they come to the Church, my body shall be placed in the herſe there of purpoſe erected. All the praiers and deuotions ended, the Prelate shall place me in the vault, my laſt habitation

*Adelantado
is the Admi-
rall of the
Gallies.*

tion which shall be giuen to me for euer. All this performed, your Prince, and third King of that name, shall goe to S. Ierosmes at Madrill there to keep the holy ceremonies of the ninth day ycerely, and my Daughter with my sister her Aunt shall goe to the gray Nunnes barefoote. Then speaking to the Prince he saide, besides all that which I haue heertofore spoken to you, I pray you haue a great care and regard to your sister, because shee was my looking glasse & the light of mine eies. Keepe the common wealth in peace, placing there good gouernors to rewarde the good and punish the bad. Let the Marquesse of Mondeiar be deliuered out of prison, on this condition that he come not to the Court. Let the wife of Antonio Perez also be set at libertie, so that from hencefoorth shee liue in a monasterie, and let her daughters inherite the patrimonie which shee brought. Forgiue those which are prisoners for hunting, with all such as are condemned to die, (the Kings pardon wanting) and so I giue my last farewell to my children, commending them to all peace and safetie. Then the Prince asked

Don Christofer de Mora for the Royall Key,
commaunding him to deliuer it to him, who
craued pardon of his Highnes, because it was
the Key of all trust and confidence, which hee
could in no wise deliuer without the leaue of
his Lord the King. Well, said the Prince, it is
ynough. And so went into his chamber, whilest
Don Christofer returning to the King, whome
he found a little cheered, said vnto him. Sir, his
Highnes asked of me the Royall Key, which I
haue denied him as hauing no leaue from your
Maiestie. But the King told him he had done
ill. Not long after he fell into another fit, where-
upon he called for the extreme vnction, which
was giuen vnto him by the Archbishop. Then
he called for a Crucifixe which had beene kept
safely in a chest, which was the very same his
father held betweene his hands, when he died,
with the which he desired likewise to die. Here-
upon his Highnes returned to his father, at
whose comming Don Christofer vpon his
knees presented to him the Royall Key, which
the Prince receiued, and gaue it to the Mar-
quesse of Denia: whereupon the King saide to
him.

him. Remember I commend vnto you Don
Christofer for the most faithfull seruant which
I euer had, and so haue care of al the rest, which
I commende vnto you. And so he tooke his
leaue of him againe imbracing him, at which
instant his speech failed. And in this sort hee
continued two daies, and died vpon Sunday
the 13. of September about three of the clocke
in the morning. The body was buried vpon
Munday the 14. of that moneth, about nine of
the clocke in the morning, the Archbishop say-
ing the masse. The new King came from Escu-
riall the 16. of that instant, leauing his sister at
the gray Nunnes, and so went to S. Ierosines,
the Court remaining in great mourning
and lamentation, making prepa-
ration for the great
funerall.

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